

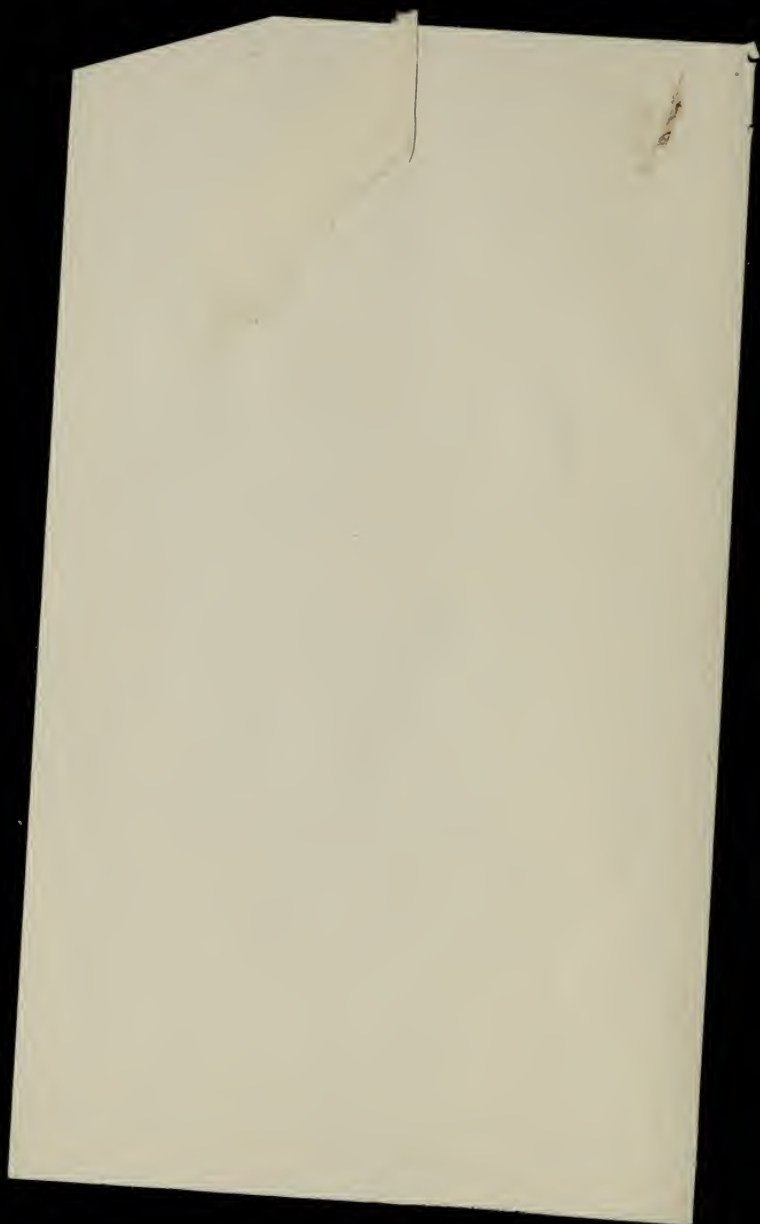
ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
TREASURER,  
Assessors, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor  
AND  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,  
OF THE  
TOWN OF AGAWAM,  
For the Year Ending March 19, 1891.



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## ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT

For Town Meeting, April 6, 1891.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3. To bring in their votes on a separate ballot, such ballot must read Yes, or No, in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"

ARTICLE 4. To choose by ballot one or more Trustees of the "Whiting Street Fund."

ARTICLE 5. To hear and act upon the report of the Town Officers.

ARTICLE 6. To see what method the Town will adopt for the support of the poor for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to abolish the system of Road Commissioners.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer, upon the approval of the Selectmen, to negotiate a loan not to exceed the sum of five thousand dollars, in anticipation of the revenue from taxes.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer, upon the approval of the Selectmen, to negotiate a loan to replace any existing loan.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of thirty dollars for Memorial Day.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will appropriate money for a Superintendent of School for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 12. To see what provision the town will make for the payment of the heating and ventilating system put in the Town House at Feeding Hills the past year.

ARTICLE 13. To make the necessary appropriations for the ensuing year, and vote to raise by tax such sums of money as may be required for the same.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote a discount on all taxes on or before October first.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will authorize the Tax Collector to charge interest on all taxes unpaid Jan. 1, 1892.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chap. 347, Acts of 1890, and elect a board of Library Trustees, according to the provisions of Chap. 304, Acts of 1888, and appropriate the sum.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will accept the provision of Chap. 386, Acts of 1890, relating to the election of town officers.

ARTICLE 18 To see if the town will accept the following list of jurors :

Emerson L. Coville, Alson W. Allen, Seth N. Bennett, Willis C. Campbell, David L. Bowe, Frederick S. Barden, Almon Jones, Orton A. Cushman, Albert E. Worthington, Charles R. Miller, Edwin Moore, Aretus P. Loomis, James G. King, Byron C. Roberts, James W. Moore, Daniel B. Arnold, William H. Grainger, George E. Howe, James J. Othick, Fremont A. King, Michael Carroll, John Currin, Henry W. Ashley, Albert H. Brown, Herbert Knox, Henry Letellier.

ARTICLE 19. To transact any other business, that may legally come before said meeting.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

JUDSON W. HASTINGS, TREAS.,

*In Account with the Town of Agarwam.*

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To balance in the Treasury March 20, 1890,	\$81.23
Cash received from H. E. Bodurtha, Collector, 1887,	1.03
Jas. F. Barry, " 1887,	6.00
Frank J. Pomeroy, " 1888,	614.56
Jas. F. Barry, " 1888,	125.18
Frank J. Pomeroy, " 1889,	625.00
Ethan D. Allen, " 1889,	415.95
Pat'k T. Donovan, " 1889,	192.00
Frank J. Pomeroy, " 1890,	5,987.14
Ethan D. Allen, " 1890,	5,370.63
Leon Dubour, " 1890,	3,342.53
Sp'f'd In. for Savings, temp. loan,	4,000.00
Town of Chicopee, care pauper,	13.00
W. Spring'ld, Bridge Acct., 1889,	339.39
Westfield, aid to pauper,	3.25
Support of Mary Hobar at North-	
ampton Lunatic Hospital,	41.25
Amount received from State Treas-	
urer for Corporation Tax,	460.52
National Bank Tax,	658.20
State Aid, Chap. 279, Ac'ts 1889,	44.00
" " 301, "	120.00
Support of State Pauper,	7.75
Burial "	10.00
Income Mass. School Fund,	176.56
Geo. Leonard, Cl'k Police Court,	50.00
County Treasurer, Dog Fund,	203.31
Rent Town Hall, Agarwam,	72.25
" " Feeding Hill,	38.50
Borrowed of Sp'f'd In. for Sav's,	34,500.00
Sewer Assessments, 1889,	34.37
Jas. H. Eastern, for Old Boards,	1.50
Interest on Deposits,	32.35
	————— \$57,567.45

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By paying State Treasurer for Overpaid Corp'ion Tax,	\$195.62
Sp'ld In. for Savings, temp. loan,	4,000.00
"    "    Interest,	1,665.44
"    "    Notes,	35,400.00
Desire A. Pyne, on Debt,	600.00
"    "    Interest,	148.60
County Tax,	1,366.30
State Tax,	1,085.00

## Selectmen and School Committee Orders :

Paupers, Outside Relief,	1 553.84
Paupers, Almshouse,	797.84
Highways and Bridges,	2,545.93
Street Lights,	75.44
Repairs of Town Buildings,	161.07
Care of Town Houses,	109.75
State Aid,	190.00
Schools,	4,707.81
Memorial Day,	30.00
Feeding Hills Public Library,	50.00
Contingent,	1,576.34
Superintendent of Schools,	277.77
Balance in the Treasury,	1,030.70

————— \$57,567.45

This certifies that the undersigned have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Town of Agawam, and find them correct with the proper vouchers.

FRED. A. SYKES, }  
FRANK L. JOHNSON, } *Auditors.*



## ASSESSOR'S REPORT.

*Valuation May 1, 1890.*

Real Estate,	\$1,036.965.00
Personal Estate,	186,254.00—\$1,223,219.00

Upon which taxes have been assessed as follows :

State Tax	\$1,085.00
County Tax,	1,366.30
Town Appropriations, Schools.	4,200.00
Highway and Bridges,	2,000.00
Support of Poor,	2,000.00
Contingencies,	1,500.00
Aid to Soldiers and families,	250.00
Discount on Taxes,	600.00
Collectors of Taxes,	200.00
Interest on Debt,	1,800.00
Town Debt,	1,500.00
Memorial Day,	30.00
Repairs on Buildings,	150.00
Street Lights,	60.00
Superintendent of Schools,	250.00
Care of Town Houses,	100.00
Overlay,	225.19— \$17,316.49

Tax on real and personal estate at the rate of \$13 20 per thousand,	16,146.49
585 poles at \$2.00 each,	1,170.00— \$17,316.49

Which sum was committed for collection as follows :

To Frank J. Pomeroy,	7,185.78
Additional assessments,	8.60
Interest charged to date,	11.84— \$7,206.22
Upon which he has been credited :	
Cash paid Treasurer,	5,987.14
Discount allowed,	276.69
Commission for Collecting,	89.80

Abatements allowed,	14.00	
Amount due March 19, 1891,	838.59—	\$7.206.22
To Ethau D. Allen,	6.018,26	
Interest to Date,	6.50—	\$6,024.76
Upon which he has been credited :		
Cash paid Treasurer,	5.370.63	
Discount allowed,	242.49	
Commission for Collecting,	80.56	
Abatements allowed,	6.00	
Amount due March 19, 1891.	325 08—	\$6,024.76
To Leon Dubour,	4,112.45	
Additional Assessments,	8.53	
Interest to date,	6.73—	\$4,127.71
Upon which he has been credited :		
Cash paid Treasurer,	3,342.53	
Discount allowed,	163.17	
Commission for Collecting,	50.13	
Abatements allowed,	26 00	
Amount due March 19, 1891,	545.88—	\$4,127.71

## ABATEMENTS ALLOWED.

### OF TAX OF 1887.

HENRY E. BODURTHIA, Collector.		JAMES F. BARRY, Collector.	
Heirs of Sophia Button,	\$7.60	Ira Humaston,	\$3.30
Melvin Woodworth,	1.37	Leonard Johnson	2.00

### ON TAX OF 1888.

FRANK J. POMEROY, Collector.			
Nelson Brunnell,	\$2.00	Frank Fitzgerald,	\$2.00
Patrick Flynn,	2.00	Mrs. Samuel Gauthier,	8.75
Octave Privancello,	2.00	Seymour J. Randall,	2.00
Leonard R. Williams,	2 00	Edward R. Williams,	2.00
William McVey,	2.00	Melvin Woodworth,	1.12
Frank McNard,	2.00	Heirs of Sophia Button,	6.25

### ON TAX OF 1889.

FRANK J. POMEROY, Collector,			
Oscar A. Buell,	\$2.00	Patrick McCarthy,	\$2.00
W. E. Gilbert,	2.00	James Wilson,	2.00
ETHAN D. ALLEN, Collector.			
Sheldon Woodworth,	\$2.00	Ira Humaston,	\$16.30
PATRICK T. DONOVAN, Collector,			
D. L. Comfort,	\$2.00	Octave Privancello,	\$2.00
Frank Davenaugh,	2.00	George Roy,	2.00
Fred Ingraham,	2.00	Victor Rivers,	2.00
John Murphy,	2.00		

### ON TAX OF 1890.

FRANK J. POMEROY, Collector.			
Frank Campbell,	\$2.00	Charles Souquest,	\$2.00
Albert Hayward,	2.00	William Wolfskiel,	2 00
William Petit,	2.00	Henry Smith,	2.00
Henry W. Ripley,	2.00		
ETHAN D. ALLEN, Collector.			
Wesley Craven,	\$2.00	Wm. J. Carroll,	\$2.00
Edward R. Williams,	2 00		

LEON DEBOUR, Collector.

Mrs. Timothy Crowley,	\$4.95	James McNard,	\$2.00
George Connors,	2.00	James McNard,	2.00
Frank Davenaugh,	2.39	John Murphy,	2.00
Mrs. Martha Herrick,	66	George Roy,	2.00
George Hastings,	2.00	Victor Rivers,	2.00
John DeLong,	2.00	Patrick Scully,	2.00

## DISBURSEMENTS.

### POOR—OUTSIDE RELIEF.

Cash paid to Timothy Hayes aid,	\$ 18 00
paid Mrs. John Gosselin aid,	104 00
paid Mrs. Harriet Parker's aid,	25 00
paid Northampton Lunatic Hospital.	
Support of James D. Johnson,	171 35
Support of Catherine Flynn,	171 35
Support of M. C. Worthington,	171 35
Support of Charles R. Ewing,	112 81
Support of Mary Hoban,	41 25
paid J. S. Marsh & Son aid to Mary Roberts,	104 00
paid Samuel Provost aid to Mrs. Baker,	134 50
paid Chas. H. Lewis rent for Mrs Frye,	48 00
paid Amos Gosselin rent for John Gosselin,	5 00
paid H. Letellier aid to Mrs. Charles Deslamier,	126 50
paid H. Letellier aid to Ellen O'Brien,	102 00
paid H. Letellier aid to Darby Sullivan,	11 39
paid Smith Bros. & Co. aid to Darby Sullivan,	14 25
paid Smith Bros. & Co. aid to David Mahoney,	5 00
paid Smith Bros & Co. aid to Mrs. Houlihan.	29 99
paid Crosier Bros. aid to Darby Sullivan,	24 21
paid Crosier Bros. aid to David Mahony,	2 00

paid Cook & Demond coal for David Mahoney,	9 45
paid Cook & Demond coal for Ellen O'Brien,	9 45
paid Cook & Damond coal for Darby Sullivan,	6 30
paid Wayland Smith milk for Darby Sullivan,	10 90
paid City of Springfield aid to W. C. Bowe,	26 73
paid City of Springfield aid to Mrs. W. M. Williams,	6 50
paid J. W. Hastings aid to Mrs. Deslaurier	3 25
paid Town of Westfield aid to W. H. Brooks,	42 26
paid W. C. Campbell care of tramps,	4 00
A. K. Fuller care of tramps,	2 80
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	\$1,553 84

## ALMSHOUSE DEPARTMENT.

Cash paid John E. Keith, for fish etc. 1890,	22 76
A. K. Fuller for horse collar, etc.,	104 75
John A. Raiche, salary to May 1, '90,	60 00
David T. Wright. supplies 1890	7 53
E. A. Kellogg for coal,	72 70
James F. Barry, straps for harness.	75
D. M. Butterfield, pasturing cow,	8 71
Seth Ingell, repairs,	2 52
A. K. Fuller, supplies,	35 23
C. W. Hastings, supplies.	2 19
Carter & Cooley, toweling and print,	2 90
Forbes & Wallace, clothing,	13 92
Bridget Smollen, meat,	1 90
Mrs. M. L. Raiche, supplies,	30 28
Mrs. M. L. Raiche, board of inmates,	376 20

Dr. J. W. Hastings, medical attendance,	45	50
Dr. Geo. W. Brace,       "       "	5	00
Dr. J. K. Mason,       "       "	5	00

	\$797	84
Total expense for care of poor,	2,351	68
Appropriation,	2,000	00

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

George E. Allen, two blades for scraper	17	00
A. K. Fuller, shove's, etc.,	9	20
A. F. Leonard, plow and castings,	24	83
C. C. Easton, repairing scraper and plow,	7	10
City of Springfield, repairs on South End		
Bridge,	37	35,
		\$95 48

## AGAWAM.

L. R. Button. labor and expenses,	\$308	77
T. J. O'Brien,       "	108	01
Patrick Reiley,       "	114	53
Royal J. Smith,       "	71	00
Jerre Adams,       "	50	30
John Dean,       "	13	00
Charles Dean,       "	1	50
Henry Dean       "	1	50
E. A. Powers       "	9	15
Charles Chatfield,       "	6	00
James H. Clark,       "	9	75
Edward Lester,       "	8	25
Paul J. Kingsbury,       "	24	99
Wm. Worthington,       "	7	50
A. E. Worthington,       "	4	00
Edwin Moore,       "	15	00
A. L. Spencer,       "	2	25
John Burke,       "	10	00
H. P. Osborne,       "	75	

John Burt, labor and expenses,	10 00
A. J. Todd,                    “	8 00
Napoleon St John,        “	5 25
Charles Campbell,       “	1 00
Frank J. Pomeroy,       “	75
T. W. Fowler,             “	4 00
Frank E. Coville,        “	1 65
John Reilly,              “	7 65
S. Crouningshield,      “	8 25
Est Harvey Porter,      “       in 1885	8 00
W. C. Campbell, labor and plank,	7 53
E L Thompson,         plank,	7 34
C. A. Bartholomew,      “	2 56
J. P. Wilcox & Co. cement pipe,	30 16
C. L. Campbell,         gravel	7 98
Mrs. Julia Flower,      “	91
Est. L. D. Trask,        “	5 10
Geo. H. Huntington,    sand,	1 80
E. K. Bodurtha,         “	1 80
C. W. Hastings, nails,	80
	—————
	\$886.78

## FEEDING HILLS.

A. K. Fuller, cash paid for supplies and labor.	16 35
A. K. Fuller,               labor	91 50
James H. Easton,         “	140 65
E. A. Kellogg,         labor and plank,	176 90
David Barry,            “ and railing,	4 72
Elmer E. Mc.Intire,     “	29 20
E. L. Granger,          “	1 50
Chas. H. B. Flower,     “	19 50
Joseph Stokes,         “	4 25
James A. Dodge,        “	6 00
Frank M. Farnsworth,   “	5 25
S. F. Leonard,          “	10 25
Leander Woodworth,     “	1 50



Nelson G. King,	labor,	18 60
A. R. Mecum,	"	6 00
Ethan D. Allen,	"	6 00
Dexter M. Steere,	"	4 62
Thomas M. Shea,	"	5 33
Norman Allen,	"	34 00
George Fowler,	" blasting rock	4 50
Frank Ladd,	"	6 00
W. E. Cooley,	"	3 00
E. D. Taylor,	"	3 80
Est C. C. Wright,	"	13 50
Michael Carrol,	"	5 50
J. G. Freelan,	"	17 85
William Patterson,	"	2 75
R. C. Leonard,	"	16 12
D. L. White,	"	25 60
Henry E. Phelon	"	2 85
John Paine,	"	3 75
John H. Moran,	"	1 25
John Hoban,	"	2 25
Wm. Meachan,	"	2 82
F. B. Arnold,	"	.30
Joseph Raiche,	"	16 12
James King,	" and gravel,	3 69
J. F. Lemmon,	"	2 00
Mrs. Julia Flower,	"	2 17
James F. Barry, plank,		17 86
C. C. Easton, shoeing horse,		4 25
D. T. Wright, nails,		1 40
Maynard & Spellman, counsel,		10 00

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## MITTINEAGUE.

T. J. O'Brien,	labor,	181 98
Patrick Crowley	"	39 00
John O'Brien,	"	31 61
Henry L. Tower,	"	34 18

Dennis Crowley,	labor,	1 50
Royal J. Smith,	"	4 50
John Murphey,	"	7 13
Joseph McNard,	"	10 88
James Collins,	"	26 63
T. Lacey,	"	4 50
Patrick Bulkley,	"	1 50
Dennis Finnegan,	"	11 25
Patrick Murphy	"	27 60
Patrick Moriarity,	"	8 25
Dennis O'Brien,	"	17 71
Thomas Stack,	"	3 00
W. H. Austin,	"	11 20
A. H. Brown,	"	14.20
Cornelius Crowley,	"	6 00
Frank L. Dugan,	gravel,	50
Mrs. Julia Flower,	"	30
F. A. Leonard,	"	14 00
Cook & Demond, plank,		5 68
S. A. Bennet, railing,		11 76
G. H. Huntington, sand,		4 40
H. Letellier, nails,		80
J. P. Wilcox & Co , cement pipe,		2 31
Noble & Carter, cement,		1 40
Burbank & Coomes, brick,		1 10
C. E. Hitchcock & Co., plank		4 06
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		\$488 93

#### AGAWAM AND MITTINEAGUE BRIDGES.

C. E. Hitchcock & Co., lumber,	53 24
C. A. Bartholomew.	6 46
E. A. Kellogg, plank,	60 00
T. S. Stewart, & Co., spikes,	13 75
H. E. Bodurtha, advertising,	1 45
E. L. Coville,	labor,
J. C. Cooley,	"
	15 00
	6 00

Patrick Murphy,	labor,	12 00	
Robert Ely,	"	12 50	
Robert Ely Jr.,	"	19 50	
Joshua. De Forge,	"	10 00	
J. Giles,	"	19 50	
A. H. Brown,	"	2 00	
David Mahoney,	"	9 00	
Patrick Crowley,	"	9 00	
John Finnegan.	"	9 00	
Edward Leonard, 2nd.,	"	3 75	
James Collins,	"	1 50	
A. J. Todd,	"	1 50	
Robert Ely, Jr., lighting bridge,		36 50	
Robert Ely, Jr., oil and chimneys,		7 22	
C. W. Hastings,		1 62	
Lewis Philips, surveying,		12 80—	\$323.29
½ due from West Springfield,			161.65
Total expended for highways and bridges			
less amount due from West Springfield,			2,384.28
Appropriation,			2,000.00

## SCHOOLS---AGAWAM.

S. Edith Williams teaching 33 weeks,	264 00
“ “ care of room,	8 25
Mary E. Clark, teaching 33 weeks.	330 00
“ “ care of room,	8 25
Edward W. Barrett, teaching 34 weeks.	442 00
“ “ care of room,	8 50
L. May Huntly, teaching 10 weeks,	70 00
“ “ care of room,	5 00
Minerva Bestor, teaching 33 weeks,	231 00
“ “ care of room,	16 50
Addie A. Annis, teaching 23 weeks,	161 00
“ “ care of room,	11 50
Cook & Demond, coal,	66 25
E. L. Thomas, drawing coal,	13 10
“ “ wood,	18 00

postage, expressage etc.,	8 30	
repairs,	8 75	
F. E. Campbell, mowing grass,	2 00	
John Van Slyck, cleaning rooms,	2 85	
Metcalf & Luther, brooms etc.,	3 93	
George R. Estabrook, grate etc.,	1 05	
J. V. Wolcott, repairs,	20 00	
W. C. Campbell, care of fires,	56 00	
The W. F. Adams Co, books and supplies,	29 08	
Harper & Brothers, “	6 94	
Chas. E. Merrill & Co., “	2 30	
Ginn & Co., “	7 50	
D. C. Heath & Co., “	10 50	
Plymouth Paper Co. paper,	4 75	
Worthy Paper Co. “	3 48	
J. L. Hammett, pencils,	9 35	
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## FEEDING HILLS.

D. A. Pingree,	teaching 10 weeks,	120 00
Malena A. Roberts,	“ 23 “	195 50
L. Etta Hamlen,	“ 11 “	104 50
Bessie Leonard,	“ 3 “	24 00
Inez Burleigh,	“ 4 “	32 30
Marguerite Young,	“ 7 “	56 00
Emma L. Hoffman,	“ 18 “	166 10
Grace L. Hazen,	“ 23 “	289 00
Arthur W. Eastern,	care of room,	21 90
J. H. Eastern,	wood,	8 25
Mary A. Taylor,	sweeping,	16 25
D. T. Wright,	care of fires,	40 70
F. A. Scott,	cleaning,	2 00
W. L. Meacham,	“	15 84
D. B. Arnold,	labor and material,	46 25
Thomas M. Shea,	labor,	3 00
Clarence T. Smith,	“	5 00
D. T. Wright,	coal,	128 45

O. D. Case & Co., desk,	4 00	
A. K. Fuller, supplies,	1 10	
The W. F. Adams Co., books etc.,	3 35	
W. L. Meacham, “	3 78	
H. Rude, “	40 10	
Worthy Paper Co. paper,	3 48	
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## MITTINEAGUE.

Marguerite Young, teaching 19 weeks,	171 00	
Alice E. Durant, “ 33 “	297 00	
Ella M. Cone, “ 20 “	180 00	
Harriet F. Durant, “ 33 “	409 00	
Carrie K. Shephard, “ 27 “	243 00	
Harriet F. Durant, moulding tins,	7 00	
American Express Co., expressage,	85	
E. A. Baker, legal advice,	2 00	
Calix Duclos, repairs,	7 60	
Cook & Demond, coal,	86 02	
Cook & Demond, wood,	11 25	
H. Letellier, supplies,	5 57	
Harvey Roberts, janitor,	69 00	
Frank Ross, janitor,	30 00	
George S. Perry, books,	7 64	
American Book Co., “	5 09	
H. Rude, “	9 10	
The W. F. Adams Co., “	2 22	
Worthy Paper Co., paper,	3 49	
	<hr/>	\$1,546 83
Total expended for schools,		4,707 81

Appropriation,	\$4,200 00	
Receipts from dog fund,	153 31	
Receipts, income of Massachusetts school fund,	176 56	\$4,529 87

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Cash paid G. L. Wiggins, Superintendent,	277 77	
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Appropriation,		250 00

## CONTINGENT.

James M. Bean, police service,	\$300 00
James W. Moore, sealer of weights and measures, 1890 and '91.	10 00
J. V. Wolcott, services as registrar,	20 00
J. W. Hastings, " "	21 25
G. H. Huntington, " "	20 00
E. A. Kellogg, " "	20 00
F. A. Scott, distributing ballots,	2 00
Monroe Hayward, " "	2 00
Monroe Hayward, police service,	21 80
Jacob Diegel, " "	21 42
W. C. Campbell, " "	6 00
Charles L. Long, counsel for 1890,	52 00
C. W. Hastings, insurance on school house,	30 00
Pynchon & Stickney, insurance on town houses,	210 00
James D. Gill, assessors' and collectors' books,	10 00
Henry E. Bodurtha, services and expenses as selectman,	91 50
Henry E. Bodurtha, services and expenses as assessor,	35 00
Henry E. Bodurtha, cash paid for copying valuation book,	7 50
Edwin Leonard, 2nd. service as selectman,	89 39
Edwin Leonard, " assessor,	12 50
James F. Barry, " selectman,	81 96
James F. Barry, " assessor,	25 00
F. K. Williams, printing town report,	36 25
F. K. Williams, " tax bills,	6 00
Dwight Bros., printing notices,	6 00
Sargent & Greenleaf, repairs on safe lock,	4 00
H. Knox, photographing and court attend- ance,	5 00

C. L. Goodhue, water rent,	50 00
J. W. Hastings, services as Clerk and Treasurer,	150 00
J. W. Hastings, postage and expressage,	11 90
J. W. Hastings, returning births, mar- riage and deaths,	31.45
J. W. Hastings, services on Sherman case,	10 00
P. A. Phelps, burial of horse,	3 00
E. A. Kellogg, stone and labor on cem- etery lot,	2 50
Cecil L. Bagnall, bill heads, etc.,	5 30
F. A. Sykes, services as Auditor,	2 50
J. H. Churchill,	2 50
Elmer E. McMire, as Inspector,	2 50
Albert E. Worthington, as Inspector,	2 50
Ralph Perry, as deputy,	2 50
Homer W. Halladay, as deputy,	2 50
Dr. N. H. Flagg, return of births,	2 75
Dr. J. W. Hastings, return of births,	3.00
E. E. McCann, police court fees,	4.19
Henry Annable, services as school committee,	40 00
E. L. Thompson,	52 00
W. L. Meacham,	40 00
C. W. Hastings, supplies and expressage,	5 33
A. K. Fuller, justice fees,	2 85—\$1,576.34
Appropriation,	1,500.00

## TOWN HOUSES.

W. C. Campbell, janitor,	58 25
A. K. Fuller, janitor,	37 10
A. K. Fuller, supplies,	4 36
C. W. Hastings, supplies,	7 64
A. F. Leonard, step ladder,	2 40 — \$ 9.75
Appropriation,	100.00

## REPAIRS—AGAWAM.

T. M. Walker & Co., glass,	.87
J. V. Wolcott repairs,	1 50
O. D. Case & Co., slate blackboard,	30 25
E. L. Thompson. freight and labor,	10 50
C. E. Hitchcock, lumber,	12 94
H. C. Earle, painting river school house,	20 82

## FEEDING HILLS.

S. P. Harrison, brick,	8 94
C. C. Easton, repairs at Town Hall,	1 30
Seth Ingell, repairs on chairs,	6 05
D. B. Arnold, glass and setting,	8 30
J. E. Barnes, lumber for West st. fence,	32 00
J. F. Barry, posts,	8 00
Ethan D. Allen, labor,	16 00
Ethan D. Allen, labor on Town Hall	3 60 — \$161 07
Appropriations,	150 00

## STATE AID.

Wm. Hitchcock, under Chap. 301, Acts of 1889,	50 00
Eunice Billings, under Chap. 301, Acts of 1889,	48 00
Hubert P. Osborne, under Chap. 301, Acts of 1889,	24 00
Harrison Stockwell, under Chap. 279, Acts of 1889,	48 00
Rausford Worthington, under Chap. 279, Acts of 1889,	20 00— \$190 00
Appropriations,	250 00

## MEMORIAL DAY.

Cash paid L. D. Trask,	\$30.00— \$30 00
Appropriations,	30 00



## STREET LIGHTS.

Henry W. Ashley, painting posts,	4 30	
T. J. O'Brien, setting posts,	2 50	
Patrick Crowley,	1 50	
C. E. Hitchcock & Co., posts	11 20	
Charles Hall, lamps,	26 00	
H. Letellier, oil and chimneys,	23 31	
Eddie Fuller, oil and lighting,	6 13	
Seth Ingell, labor,	.50---	\$75 44
Appropriation,		60 00

## FEEDING HILLS LIBRARY.

Cash paid Julia A. Bailey, Treas.,	50 00---	50 00
Appropriated from Dog Fund,		50 00

## INTEREST.

Springfield Inst. for Savings,	1665 44	
Mrs. D. A. Pyne,	148 60---	\$1814 00
Appropriation,		1800

## TOWN DEBT.

Springfield Inst. for Savings on note,	\$900 00	
Mrs. D. A. Pyne,	600 00	\$1,500 00
Appropriation,		1,500 00

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Springfield Inst. for Savings, 3 6-10 per		
cent. loan with interest to April 1,	10,120 00	
Springfield Inst. for Savings, 4 per		
cent. loan with interest to Apr. 1,	32,528 00	
Mrs D. A. Pyne 6 per cent. loan with		
interest to Apr. 1,	2,009 50	\$44,657 50

## ASSETS,

Due from J. F. Barry, Collector for 1888,	86 39
Due from F. J. Pomeroy, " 1888,	118 08
" " " " 1889,	348 45
" " " " 1890,	838 59

Due from P. T. Donovan,	"	1889,	199 27	
"	"	E. D. Allen, "	1890,	325 68
"	"	Lena Debour, "	1890,	545 88
"	"	W. Springfield bridge acct.,	161 65	
"	"	State for State Aid,	48 00	
Value of town farm, stock and supplies,			2,100 00	
Value of road machine and tools,			175 00	
Cash in treasury,			1,030 70	\$5,977 09
Liabilities over Assets,				38 680 41

HENRY E. BODURTHA,	}	Selectmen. Assessors
EDWIN LEONARD, 2nd,		and
JAMES F. BARRY,		Overseers of Poor.



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AGAWAM, MASS.

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# School Report.

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1890-91.

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# REPORT

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## Superintendent of Schools.

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### *School Committee of Agawam:*

I respectfully present the following report embodying some suggestions in reference to the public schools of this town.

Possibly because it is the first year of the employment of a superintendent in this district under the law of 1888, I have been frequently questioned by citizens of the various towns in regard to his duties, believing these questions to be asked in good faith, I will briefly outline some of them,—

In any business, careful and trained supervision is necessary in order that it may be a success. For instance, a man must know something about farming practically, in order to get a living from it. So of any other branch of business. Suppose the experiment is tried of hiring a dozen persons, setting them at work, and then leaving them to do as they please, or allowing them to be directed and criticised by parties who know little or nothing of the business, what results would you get?

The same necessity exists for a trained supervision of schools that is needed in anything else, and *more* because the teaching force is so often changed, and because so little care is generally exercised in selecting teachers.

The work of a superintendent should serve to bring better methods of teaching into use, should save time by inducing a better arrangement of work; should arouse and sustain a judicious emulation among teachers; should bring before them subjects pertaining to their vocation for mutual consideration and discussion so that they may perform their duties with more zeal and enthusiasm.

A superintendent should also aid the committee with such counsel and suggestions as may be required which, from the fact of his entire time and attention being directed to the subject of education, he may be regarded as competent to give.

In addition to all these duties, much more properly belongs to him to do, but it was my purpose to do no more than briefly mention some of the important ones.

#### TEACHERS.

The best school officers can do but little unless their plans are well executed—thus good teachers are a necessity, these cannot be obtained by a careless haphazard method of employment.

The rapid growth of our larger towns and cities, the higher rate of wages paid by them, the greater opportunities for intellectual growth and culture which they present, all tend to draw away from us a great part of the more talented and capable teachers.

This depletion is increasing from the fact that influential causes are continually at work to diminish their number, so that the supply of *thoroughly capable* and *efficient* teachers is *less* than the demand. The smaller towns are the first to suffer, for their committee have not generally the time to spend from their own occupation to visit schools in other places and observe the work of candidates, nor would all of them be competent judges of the work done, should they do so.

In short, when they compete in the selection of teachers with experienced superintendents, who know what each school needs, and who are on the alert to secure the best service, they have to take what is left.

Most supervisors have the matter of the selection of teachers reduced to a system; instead of employing those of whom you know nothing except that they are bright young ladies and have a bundle of recommendations,—they visit the schools when the candidates are employed, learn of their success from actual observation of their work, note their special adaptability for certain schools, and keep a list of such as they deem best qualified.

If we want to be sure of good schools, some similar method must be adopted in selecting teachers. Mistakes mean much more than a waste of money in this respect, they injure the children and all the community.

It is the custom generally, when a superintendent is employed either to require him to nominate the teacher for election by the School Board, or to examine and recommend them.

The examination of teachers, and issuing of certificates to such as are employed is required by law, and no teacher is entitled to any pay until a certificate in duplicate is filed with Selectmen or Town Treasurer.

#### RETAINING TEACHERS IN SERVICE.

After selecting a suitable teacher, she should be retained as long as she meets proper requirements and does good work. One of the most demoralizing influences in a school is a frequent change of teachers. Of course occasionally a teacher may possess elements of character that would demand a change, but *frequent* changes not only injure the schools but seem to react on the community as well, and exert a baleful influence there also, neither should popular clamor count as much as it often does in the dismissal of teachers.

The principle things to be considered are these: Does the teacher exercise a good influence over her school?

Does she elevate its character and hold the school up to a high standard of moral and intellectual excellence and progress?

Does she possess the proper habits, manners, and bearing that should command the respect of any cultivated community.

Does she possess the good common sense, judgment and docility requisite to successful co-operation with Superintendent, School Committee and other teachers?

Where all these questions can be answered in the affirmative, the services of the teacher should be retained if possible.

I suggest for your consideration, the method of grading salaries by length of service, requiring all new teachers to commence with a minimum salary, and retaining them with a gradual increase from year to year until an established maximum is reached, requiring, say three years, certainly, teachers who have performed acceptable services for a term of years in a school, if they are progressive and hold their schools well up to the proper standard are worth more than those equally able who have not had the same amount of experience.

A grading of this kind, while it would serve to retain the most experienced teachers, would also render the tenure of office of all more desirable, it would stimulate the ambition of those newly employed as they would see the opportunity for advancement if they did better work, and what would commend it to the community,—it is a more economical method, as the teachers who serve less than three years, are largely in the majority.

The community can do much toward making their schools efficient by making the position of the teacher a pleasant and desirable one, by frequently visiting the schools, by abstaining from narrow and carping criticism, by becoming acquainted with the teachers, realizing their worth, and having a better understanding of their work and aims, thus all are benefitted, the schools are improved and a higher and nobler tone given to society.

GEORGE T. WIGGIN, Supt.  
LONGMEADOW, AGAWAM AND GRANVILLE.



# REPORT

-:- OF THE -:-

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For the School Year 1890-91.

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*To the Citizens of Agawam:*

We submit for your acceptance our Report for the year closing March 7-1891.

The record of the year is one of honest and painstaking work on the part of teachers and scholars.

Outbreaks of contagious diseases have entered our schools, but by the prompt action of the Board of Health co-operating with the School Board we feel safe in saying that it stopped what at one time looked like an epidemic.

One event of the school year was the visit from Mr. Edson an agent of the State Board of Education. He gave to our citizens at the Town Hall in Agawam and at Feeding Hills practical talk on methods of teaching and benefits that have come to the town that have employed supervision under his supervision.

### VENTILATION.

Completed by the State Inspectors to place into the school rooms at Feeding Hills a ventilating system that would meet the approval of the chief inspector we adopted the Sprague system manufactured at Westfield, Mass., which has met the approval of said inspector.

### ATTENDANCE.

The committee are pleased to see the efforts that some teachers make, and the hearty co-operation of some of the

scholars and parents to have the attendance regular. It is easy to pick out the scholars who are irregular in their attendance at school, without looking at the register. They are invariably the dull scholars, behind their class on account of lost days or half days. They have been out of school sometime when the class learned some fundamental rule of which they know nothing as yet, and may never get a chance to learn again. So one link in the chain is gone or weak. For the child who attends school regular is sure to make a better citizen than the, at heart, truant, who is kept part of the time, at school by dint of spasmodic parental efforts, coupled with a fear of the truant officer and teacher. We believe that children of equal ability can be made one much brighter and learned by regular habits and attendance, than the other will ever attain by his regular habits and attendance at school. How much harm parents can do their children by allowing them to get into such irregular habits thereby causing their instructions to be irregular the committee will not try to tell. The Committee hope that every parent in town will consider these things and by a hearty co-operation with the teachers will do more to elevate their boys and girls than most anything that we could suggest.

#### DISCIPLINE.

The committee would ask all parents to feel that they ought to govern their children themselves and not turn that unpleasant duty over to the teacher as soon as the child is old enough to be got out of the way, by sending them to school, and as the teachers are to teach we wish they never had to be rulers or use rulers. Now if parents will not hear their children complain of their teacher without going themselves to the teacher with the child and looking into the case, and know who is at fault, and have it corrected then and there, the committee feel sure that the discipline in our schools would be much easier maintained as well as bettered.

#### SUPERVISOR.

The system was for the first time introduced into our this year, and as a natural consequence it took some

time to get the teachers and scholars accustomed to the new departure, but on the whole we must say that the teachers meetings have been very beneficial and the parents that have not availed themselves of the opportunity to be present are not as well able to judge the working of the measure as they might otherwise have been.

We would suggest to the parents to visit as much as possible the schools, particularly where they have scholars attending, get well acquainted with their respective teachers and by so doing you will help the schools, the teachers, and be an inspiration to your own boys and girls.

Number of Schools,	12
Number of children in town May 1, 1890, between five and fifteen years of age,	477
Number of pupils enrolled during the year,	497
Number of pupils between five and fifteen years of age,	462
Number of pupils over fifteen years of age,	27
Number of pupils under five years of age,	8
Between 8 and 15 years of age,	356
Average membership,	382
Average attendance,	332

HENRY ANNABLE,	} School Committee
E. L. THOMPSON,	
W. L. MEACHAM,	
	of
	Agawam.

